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MRS. GOULD A FREE WOMAN-NO NEW EVIDENCE INTRO-DUCED BY EITHER SIDE.

The Proceedings in Full-The Verdict of the Jury-Public Sentiment-Incidents of the Trial of This Famous and Noted Case.

The State vs. Lilly M. Gould! This celebrated case, in which al America and England, are equally interested, on account of its peculiarities, was begun here last Wed-

The testimony in this case, as well as a history and numerous interand the public are perhaps cogniz- driven to desperation and stabbed previous to this difficult Idvestigation of Land Titles and ant of the facts. But, in order to make the proceedings of the trial more interesting to those who have not read this history and interviews heretofore, we will give, in substance, the testimony as elicited at the trial.

The Gould musder case has at tracted as much attention in Engforated Maybrick land as did the ce aso in the Unite Citates.

The proceeding on the Gold case were beg an promptly at 10 The acting Solicitor, Hon. Kope

Elias, of Franklin, was ably assisted in the prosecution by Messrs. G. S. Ferguson, of Waynesville, and J. H. Dillard, of this place.

The defendant's attorneys were Messrs. Ben Posey, F. P. Axley and E. B. Norvell, of this place, and W. W. Jones, of Asheville.

At this stage of the game, the prisoner, Mrs. Lilly M. Gould, was brought in court. She was neatly attired in a black suit, with lace col lar and cuffs, and seemed to be entirely self-possessed. Her manner was that of one who seemed to realize that her life hung on a very slender thread, which might be snap ped in twain any moment by the arm of law. Her confinement in jail had the effect of enhancing her Having had several years experi- beauty, and she seemed to be in betence in dentistry, and being well ter health than at any time since her residence here.

The State announced itself ready for trial, and the defendant, after best manner, on the most reasonable calling witnesses, also announced their readiness.

The special venire of 100 talismen was exhausted, beside the regular jury, in the selection of twelve competent jurors, during which time Mrs. Gould evinced much interest in studying the physiognomy of each juror as he was called up. The following is

THE JURY.

1. C. G. Price.

2. S. W. Bates. 3. Ancil Rogers.

4. W. M. Pierce.

5. R. P. Hall.

6. B. S Chastain. 7. W. P. Martin.

8. R. A. Harper.

9. T. A. Bell.

C. A. Davis.

11. Jno. M. Rogers.

12. J. M. Roper.

ed by Clerk Deweese, after which was abusing her all the time, using for the argumet : : N. C. the witnesses for both sides were language that was profane and dirty.'

DR. W. O. PATTON,

who testified as follows: "Did you edged that it was, and said he was The main facts in this case is that battery. It is indeed a rare occur- we have such an intelligent juryknow Charles N. Gould? Yes, sir; with Gould until he died. I am now prepared to do all kinds of the State says Charles N. Gould is rence that a woman is indicted for men of families; for it is to a home. On being cross examined the witness and Roofing. Shop over the Hardware Store.

I am now prepared to do all kinds of the State says Charles N. Gould is rence that a woman is indicted for men of families; for it is to a home. On being cross examined the witness said the blow given Mrs. could deadly weapon. The next question one to protect her: father, son, brothhouse, about 8 a. m. Bob Ramsey with the stick was on the right side question is, who did it? Liv M. er or other loved ones. But this came after me to go and see Gould. of her face and shoulder-a glance Gould. Why did she do it? It is fragule woman, away from home, in as you are competent judges of do-In response to this request I went up lick."

fering from a severe wound in his his testimony was about right side, near the abdomen. He Bob Ramsey's, only suffering so intensely that he the stabbing took place would not permit father and myself | Mary Woods testif to probe the wound, which was pro- "I live on Valley riv So, Say the Jury in the duced by a knife, and we only made of the stabbing I was an external examination, to learn the nature of the wound, I Gould's house. I asked to see the instrument that it hear anything of what was done with. Mrs. Gould was at Gould's? I saw C

> knife. I told her she need not trou- and, drawing his. ble herself. She stopped. Shortly Gould with it. He wet afterwards I asked Bob Ramsey to house, followed by show me the knife, which he aid." Mrs. Gould in the rear. "Is this the knife?" and the attor- crying." ney for the State handed the witness a wicked and dangerous looking dag- follows: "Did you kn

> six inches long. "It is," responded the witness. when you were at the This produced a great sensation in was the night before

Continuing the witness said "that was at their house. Mrs. Gould told him during the day character of Gould for that she thought it would be so ro- in our midst was badmantic to prick him with the knife, town said he was a ter as it was a present from his brother, He was about 45 years who was the English consul to Sian. about 200 pounds, views, have already been published, Mrs. Gould told me that she was health was good. Doc

Gould in self-defense.' The cross examination brought out ant? Yes, sir; but don't nothing new, and Dr. Patton vacated can remember the exa the witness box.

Here the State rested its case, and ed and cursed her the the defendants introduced the fol- the difficulty." lowing witnesses:

ness called, and testified as follows: The State re-called Dr "I was employed by Gould to do ton: "What time in some ch res around the house, and did you have this ea while helping Bill Comen unload Could, in thick to some wood, my attention was di- with a dagger? Witness of rected towards the house by Cannon collect. It was some hours

partially torn off of her when Gould sir." jerked her from the lounge. Gould A. W. Axley re-

ing up stairs, and thinking they were Gould? No, sir." wall, which saved her from falling. her person, so far as I could see." to strike her again. Mrs. Gould then reputation. "Is this the stick with which he The first witness for the State was struck her?" said the attorney, presenting the witness with an English walking cane. The witness acknowl-

fore She killed him, and, as she did not protection be explain it, it is, therefore, your duty, character, sho ows: as honest men, to render a verdict of the hinges of present when I made the inquiry, a load of wood, with and said she would show me the on top Gould can

you will do your duty."

Dr. J. F. Abernithy ger, about a foot long, the blade of Mrs. Gould? Yes, sir, which was an inch wide and fully about 300 yards from th state the time and took place, about 9 o' make any threats agains know what he did.

Defendant's counsel Robert Ramsey was the next wit- case at this point. Pat- the court and jury as follows: "This

murder, and I say for you to try the defore case according to the evidence preexclaiming, "Look there!" I turned he died when father and my clif dis-sented for your consideration; I don't my head and saw Gould coming cussed his case in the room were he want to influence you, nor would down stairs, stick in hand, after Mrs. was laying. We spoke of it being a have you swerve from your sworn Gould, who was before him. She serious wound. Did Gould isk you duty, but we insist that you find a ran behind me, and then I told Gould about the wound? About 4 1 m. he verdict of not quilty. That the State if I was him I would not strike her. asked me what I thought of his case. should be reresented. I do not ques-He then turned around and went I told him it was grave. He said, tion, but they have failed, even by back to the house, going up stairs. What do you suppose they will do their witnesses, to make a case. I will Mrs. Gould then went into the with the woman? Lock her up in a try to satisfy the court and you, genkitchen, on the first floor, and lay mad house, I suppose.' Was Gould tlemen of the jury, why she stabbed down on a lounge. She was crying. under the apprehension of append- Gould. I appeal to you to resist all J. M. Barnett came up on the hill ing dissolution? I think he was, but the arguments introduced by Mr.

and asked me what was the matter. he didn't say he was going to die." Ferguson, as they contained no points Gould was then up stairs, and told A. W. Axley was next put upon which should claim your attention. me tell anybody that nothing was the stand, testifying as follows: Will he explain to this jury why the matter, should they ask. I told "State to his honor and jury of you they only introduced one witness? Barnett, in lieu of anything better, knew Gould. I did, sir. How long They unsuccessfully tried to treak that she had the colic. In a short did you know him? Since last June down the testimony of Robt. Ramsey. while Gould came down stairs into was a year ago. Did you vait him Cannon corroborated his evidence, the kitchen, where Mrs. Gould was at his home at Tellico, and what were Mary Woods, so far as the scene in lounge to the floor; then taking up a fendant? I did, and saw that he was not, then he and Mary Woods and bucket of water from the table, he kind and affectionate. His demean- Cannon all lied. He was there waitdashed its contents over her, and or and general character was that of ing on this nan when he was stabbed, raised his foot as if to stamp her in a gentleman. State whether you and did not leave until death ensued. the face. Mrs. Gould was crying were at Gould's home after be was Here is the bill of indictment; where all the time he was abusing her. I wounded? Yes, sir. Who did you are the other witnesses, and why caught his foct and he desisted. meet there? I met Dr. J. W. Pat- were they not introduced? The What took place after that? Gould ton, and I think Bob Ramsey was prosecution say they only want to went back up stairs. Mrs. Gould was there waiting on Gould. Did you fairly investigate and throw light in the middle of the room, trying to have any conversation with Robert upon this case. Dr. J. W. Patton adjust her clothes, which had been Ramsey about the case? I did not, was the only witness before the

had been gone some 20 or 30 min- you if there wasn't a bruise of build's can obtain the conviction of this woutes when Mrs. Gould, having re-ar- head? Yes, sir; on the right ide of man by fair means, I will acquiesce. ranged her dress, also went up stairs. his brow, about the size of my chumb. Is that convicting her by fair means, In a short while I heard loud talk- Did you see any bruise of Mrs. to use ignoble ends? You've got a

about to have another fracas, I went J. S. Meroney, Sr., stated that he deal with, and a frail, delicate woman up to see about it. Gould had a was town marshal, and hearing of on the other. When you see him on walking stick in his hand, with which the death of Gould, I arrested the the streets he is a gentleman, and at argument, which was as follows: he hit her, knocking her against the defendant. She had no bruises on home, where he should be kind and "May it please your honor, and you,

SYNOPSIS OF SPEECHES.

e as tion again arises, why did she do it? no one to car day guilty. She has only spoken of it protecting this tone and poor woma r. once, and says she killed him, but Consider all the testimony. It satisto that she was driven to it. Wasn't fied she killed the deceased, you have it mat guilt remantic to stab him with the a right to say so-you should in self-defent on knife his brother gave him. Human say so, but you should carefully con- case you must, as tar as you ying life has, judging from this case, got sider the proof of his violence to yourselves in the situati ting to be worthless. Hear the Judge's ward his wife. At any rate, we have fendant on the day of the occarrent and charge, and make up your minds ac proved by our witnesses and State's of this unfortunate affair. You have rs. cordingly. Any romance in this? witnesses that the deceased's charac- a right to take into consideration the in the Had she stopped at romance, C. N. ter for violence was bad, and more relative size and strength of the deand Gould would have been a live man to- especially when he was at home. A ceased and the defendant. We come her day and the defendant would be a man when he is a gentleman on the to the culmination of this affair. You free woman. Did she anticipate an- streets to his friends and then goes know the circumstances sufficiently as other quarrel? Where did she get goes homd and abuses his wife, with well. From the description of the and the knife? She must have had it on no one to protect or shield her, is the room, given by Ramsey, for the delive her person. She didn't have in when meanest man that God ever let live, fendant to have attempted to pass etor, in the basement, so far as we know. Study all the testimony introduced. out of the door by which she enterances but she had it when she went up Gentlemen of the jury, fancy the ed, she would have placed herself in It stairs. How was it that the bruise poor, weak, fragile frame of Mrs. greater danger, for she would have

bing was upon Gould, and not scratch Gould, dangling in mid-air between had to pass by the deceased, who was hat I upon her person? Yet she says it heaven and earth at the end of a cruel at that moment assaulting her with a peral was in self-defense! I don't believe rope, the victim of a merciless prose- stick; and I submit that she would while Bob Ramsey's evidence, because cution; without even a friend or rela- have been justified in killing him ound there was nothing to sustain his tes- tive to come forward and say, "Give then and there. Here the attorneys hter. timony. Gould was desparately me her body; I'll give it a decent for the State are crying for this woghed wounded, and would rather die than burial," but it is turned over to the man's blood. How are they trying sical expose his wife. I don't believe Bob common undertaker of the county. to get it? Who are the eye witnesses you, Ramsey saw the difficulty-his testi- This picture you can make by find- to this affair? Mary Woods, Wm. Gould mony convinces me of this fact. He ing the defendant guilty of murder. Cannon and Robt. Ramsey. They fend- didn't wnow where she got the knife, Go go the capitol of your State and are the witnesses who should have or where she put it. Why was it enter the common prison and see been put before this jury by the she entered the quarrel the second there peeping out from behind the State. Never before have I known time? Apply justice and truth to cold, chilly grates of a felon's cell, a the State to go so far as this in trythis case as the law demands, and poor female, with despair and woe ing to get the blood of a defendant. Hon. Ben Posey, one of the attorneys for the defense, then andressed case, gentlemen of the jury, is a mat comfort to dispell the chill of these fied. They kept an important wister of importance to all. You have fore you a woman charged with 9 defend my own life against the mer- witnesses, simply because they were sworn to love and protect me. This you find the defendant guilty, and picture you can draw by finding the there remains in your minds any defendant guilty of manslaughter. doubt, you will be forever haunted On the other hand picture yourselves with the thought of possibly having returning to-night to your happy done the defendant a lasting injusfiresides, surrounded by the sacred tice. As my associate, Mr. Axley, circle of your families, and with your will follow me, I will, without saylittle children on your knees and your ing more, leave the fate of my client wife by your side. See the tears of with you, for I feel that you will do joy arise in their eyes as you explain her justice by returning a verdict of how, when taken upon a jury of your not guilty." country, you vindicated the charac- | Col. F. P. Axley next spoke in the ter and conduct of a woman who had following language: "There is one stricken down a brutal husband, who view of the case that all can be conthese tears of joy flow, you see a opinion and complications are reconhearty approval in them all. This ciled. It has narrowed down to the

picture you can draw by finding the home of C. N. Gould. The facts are defendant not guilty, and this is the concise. This evidence, short as it is, laying on the lounge, caught her by your observations of the relay as exthe arm and jerked her off of the string between Gould and he dehim. Did Ramsey tell the truth? If in the trial of this case that, if your you shall not take one step where future life is made up of such conduct, you place your life in jeopardy. The when you fall asleep to the things State has made its case on Dr. Patof this life, you may fall asleep in ton's evidence. There is no use to Jesus, to awake where the river of rehearse this testimony. Bob Ramthe water of life, as clear as crystal, sey is the only witness that knows comes forth from the throne of God anything about this case. He is the which God has prepared for those No man, white or black, can concoct who love Him—there to realize the the kind of a story he tells and not words of the poet when he says:

'How sweet to think that on our eyes grand jury, and he has not come up-A lovelier clime shall yet arise; on that witness stand! When they That we shall wake from sorrows dream Beside a pure and living stream!"

Do your duty, and when you have done, Mrs. Gould will be a free and appy woman." desparate man on the one hand to Owing to his suffering with muscular rheumatism, the court permitted Mr. Norvell to sit and make his

loving, he is beating and abusing the gentlemen of the jury: The circum-When she had partially recovered Witnesses were introduced to im- woman whom he has sworn to love stances attending this unfortunate from the blow, he then took both peach Ramsey's evidence, and it was and cherish-his wife. He follows affair are as familiar to you as myself. of positions with you would have no hands, drawing the stick back as if shown that this witness bere a bad her up; throws a bucket of water on You remember well the statements her, jerks her off the couch and of witnesses. Mr. Ferguson, one of sprang at him and plunged the dag- At the conclusion of the above raises his foot to stamp her. How the prosecuting attorneys, has dis-The jury having been completed, ger in his side. I never saw any testimony, both sides rested the case did she get the knife? Sne had a cussed them, and Mr. Posey, one of the customary oath was administer. weapon until at that moment. Gould and then preparations were made right to arm herself and defend her my colleagues, has forcibly presented ment from her husband, whose duty personal liberty. The only time she to you his view of the case upon the stabbed him was when deceased at- same. Now, in a brief manner, I the trials of life. She had as much tempted to strike her down the sec- shall endeavor to do my duty to my right in the room as Gould, she had G. S. Furguson opened for the ond time. The counsel on the other client by calling out a few points, State in the following language: "He side wants you to convict this woman and presenting my view of the case. quoted the criminal law on this case. of manslaughter or of assault and I am more than pleased to see that the State says Charles N. Gould is rence that a woman is indicted for men of families; for it is to a home question is, who did it? Liv M. er or other loved ones. But this of our thoughts, and only such men proved to you that she did do it, and a strange land and among strangers; mestic relations, particularly the re-Murphy, N. C. to his house and found him bed, suf- Bill Cannon was next called and with that deadly dagger. The quest no one to plead and take her part, lation of husband and wife. I shall

let me say that from now to and fereyer I shall maintain illy M. Gould, depicted in ner face, and hear her I had always conceived the duty of say, "I have no mother, whose tears the State to do justice to all parties, of pity can spothe and make soft the and if the evidence of the eye witpillow on which I lie; I have no sis- nesses would acquit, why then let it ter to write letters of sympathy and do so, and the State would be satiswater I was sent to a jury of ress from stand, and they hoped ountry became I enocavored to to break down the testimony of ou ciless assaults of a husband who had negroes. Let me say that should

was seeking to take her life; and as gratulated upon. All differences of -there to enjoy forever the blessings only living witness in the transaction. be be caught up with. He tells the same story all the time, even under the cross-examination of the learned prosecution. He alone knew of the transaction. Truth will prevail anywhere. He would have broke down had he not been an eye witness. His testimony was intelligent and convincing. Mrs. Gould could not have yielded a step without endangering her life. She had a right to strike, no matter where she got the dagger, under the brutal assault of her husband. A similarity doubt resulted the same. She had been driven down stairs, and where should she go but to her room. She had a right to look for other treatit was to protect and sustain her in a right to strike if she had any regard for her life, no matter what with and where she got it. Suppose Ramsey is a bad character. Can't he give a simple and truthful statement of an occurrence as he saw it? This he has done-Cannon substantiated what he said. Can there be any possible motive to induce these men to tell the same story? A man never

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